

December 2004 Marine Mammal and Turtle Incidental Take Report

Observers in the Northeast Fisheries Observer Program (NEFOP) collect these data using standardized protocols. When the data are received, NEFSC staff verifies the identification and condition of the animals through the observer descriptions, biological samples collected and photographs. If the identification of an animal is in question, the DNA sample is analyzed to determine the species. However, the data used in this report is obtained from the observer program's OBSCON tables and is considered preliminary data as many of the database checks and audits have not yet been completed.

The following observed trips were completed during the month of December, 2004: 176 Anchored Sink Gillnet, 23 Drift Sink Gillnet, 146 Bottom Otter Trawl (fish), 16 Scallop Dredge, 8 Midwater Paired Otter Trawl, 4 Clam Dredge, 61 Bottom Longline, 1 Pot and Trap, 27 Beach Seine and 18 Closed Area Scallop. There were 12 aborted trips. The following takes were observed:

<i>Trip Type</i>	<i>Trip ID*</i>	<i>Date Landed</i>	<i>Number of Takes</i>	<i>Species</i>	<i>Disposition</i>
ASG 100	C70035C	12/22/2004	1	harbor porpoise	dead, fresh
ASG 100	C71067C	12/16/2004	1	porpoise/dolphin, nk	dead, severely decomposed
ASG 100	C89067L	12/04/2004	1	harbor seal	dead, fresh
BOT 050	C96044-	12/06/2004	1	common dolphin	dead, fresh
BOT 050	C96044-	12/06/2004	1	common dolphin	dead, fresh
ASG 100	D17016C	12/03/2004	1	porpoise/dolphin, nk	dead, severely decomposed
BOT 050	D31036-	12/10/2004	1	whale, nk	dead, severely decomposed
ASG 100	D41032C	12/22/2004	1	harbor seal	dead, fresh
ASG 100	D41032C	12/22/2004	1	harbor porpoise	dead, severely decomposed
ASG 100	D41032C	12/22/2004	1	gray seal	dead, fresh
ASG 100	D52009C	12/3/2004	1	harbor porpoise	dead, fresh
ASG 100	D60012C	12/30/2004	1	harbor porpoise	dead, fresh
BOT 050	D62009-	12/20/2004	1	common dolphin	dead, fresh
BOT 050	D69007-	12/13/2004	1	pilot whale, nk	alive, injured
ASG 100	D78012C	12/11/2004	1	harbor seal	dead, fresh
ASG 100	D78012C	12/11/2004	1	harbor seal	dead, fresh
BOT 050	D94008-	12/18/2004	1	common dolphin	dead, fresh
BOT 050	D94008-	12/18/2004	1	common dolphin	dead, fresh
BOT 050	D41030-	12/20/2004	1	longfinned pilot whale	dead, fresh

**"C" signifies a complete fish data collection trip (all hauls were observed for complete catch data); "-" signifies all other trips.

ASG = Anchored Sink Gillnet, BOT = Bottom Otter Trawl